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Proposed Agenda for Telephone Conference

(FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - NOT FOR ENTRY)

Applicant's attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner. The telephone conference will be with David W. O'Brien, one of Applicant's attorneys, whose telephone number is (512) 338-6314.

This proposed agenda is being submitted for such telephone conference. Please call David O'Brien to arrange a time for the telephone conference. Generally David O'Brien is available for conferences late mornings or early afternoons.

Items to Discuss:

- 1. Proposed claim changes (see proposed amendment to claim 21 on the following page); and
- 2. The relationship between "hazards" (as recited in the claims) and invalid instructions (as used by the Barlow reference).

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21. (Marked-Up Version) A method comprising:

speculatively locking a resource to be accessed by an executable computer execution of a first instruction, wherein the locking is performed the resource includes locking the resource prior to determining whether a hazard exists between the access and execution of a second instruction completing a determination of hazards related to the access.

21. (Clean Version) A method comprising:

speculatively locking a resource to be accessed by execution of a first instruction, wherein the locking is performed prior to determining whether a hazard exists between the access and execution of a second instruction.

Respectfully submitted.

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